List of projects for which World Bank assistance was approved till 31st March 1985

(In US $ million)

Name of the Project	Amount of loan/Credit	Utilisation upto 31-3-85	Date of closure of loan/credit
1. M.P. Medium Irrigation . . .	140	39.904	31-3-1987 (6 months extension sought)
2. M.P. Major Irrigation	220	54.48	30-6-1987 (2 years extension sought)
3. Chambal (MP) Irrigation-II . . .	31	10.134	30-6-1987 (year extension sought)
4. M.P. Indira Sarovar (Bodhghat) Hydro-Electric Project-II	300.4*	—	30-6-1992
5. M.P. Urban Development	24.1	0.30	30-6-1989
6. M.P. Agricultural Extension-I . . .	37	94.36	30-6-1987

*This is a new project for which agreement was signed on 1st March, 1985.

Rs. 1000 crores excise duty locked up in Litigation

727. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly Rs. 1000 crores excise duty is locked up in litigation in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking/have taken to realise the same by ending the litigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) It is a fact that a large number of cases on central excise matters are under litigation. Most of these cases relate to issues having a bearing on the rate of duty, valuation and excisability of the products. Quantification of revenue involved in individual cases is possible only after Cour decisions are available.

(b) For recovery of arrears, such measures as are considered necessary from time to time continue to be taken. These steps include moving of the various Courts and appellate authorities for early hearing of cases and engaging of eminent lawyers to defend the Government cases.

Abolition of import duty on life saving medical equipments

728. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to abolish import duty on life saving medical equipments such as endroscope to provide medical facilities at reasonable cost;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Certain specified life-saving drugs, medicines and equipments are exempt from the whole of Customs Duty under Notification No. 208/81-Cus. dated 22nd September, 1981 (as amended). Under this Notification drugs, medicines and equipments not expressly specified therein are also exempt if certified by specified authorities in the Directorate General of Health Services, New Delhi to be life-